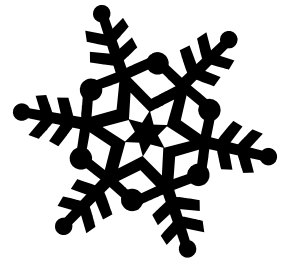


FREE WEEKEND PROGRAMS



The Environmental Education Center (EEC)
1751 Grand Blvd, Alviso (San Jose), CA 95002

For reservations, use the link provided.
Questions? Call (408) 262-5513 ext. 104 or 102
www.fws.gov/refuge/don_edwards_san_francisco_bay



Winter Programs: December, January, February

Community

Going Green, the Restoration of the South Bay Salt Ponds December 5th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Join an interpretive walk to photograph the wildlife and wetlands in the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. Learn and be a part of the history of the wetland restorations, and how knowing the area will both increase your appreciation for it and ability to see it in whole new way. Know what plants or animals you will see in which habitat, and at what times. Digital or film welcome. Led by Park Ranger Joseph Garcia at the Environmental Education Center. Call 510 792-0222 ext 141 for more information. Please register at: <https://sbspp.eventbrite.com>

Hike the Mallard Slough Trail Saturday, December 5th, January 16th, and February 13th 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Look for birds, mammals, and animal tracks as we explore along the water's edge on this 3.7-mile nature walk. Bring binoculars and your favorite field guide to help enjoy the views. Have at least one liter of water, snacks, and appropriate clothing. This hike runs rain or shine. Led by Steve Stolper. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Go to: <http://hikeeectrail.eventbrite.com> Questions? Julie: 408-262-5513 ext.104

Alviso Slough Cleanup – DATES available at <http://sloughkeepers.com/joining-sloughkeepers>

Alviso Marina through the Alviso Slough 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Love to kayak? Love to clean up the environment? Why not combine the two and partner with Slough Keepers as they clean up Alviso Slough. Bring a kayak out to the upper lot's launch ramp at the Alviso Marina and be prepared to paddle through the slough and some reeds to clean up our neighborhoods waters. Due to the reeds, this is recommended for those who have some kayaking experience. Slough Keepers will provide garbage bags and even some garbage barges. To sign up, contact Eric Norris at sloughkeepers@gmail.com and visit www.sloughkeepers.org for more information. Space is limited to 25 kayakers.

Scouts

Girl Scouts World Thinking Day Saturday, February 20th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Be part of the global community! Each year on February 22, World Thinking Day, girls honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts by taking time to give thanks for their international friendships and remember that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community. Built on the theme of the Connect invites you to explore and celebrate the meaningful connections that make our lives better. Making more positive connections matters, because it helps us to be happy. But what does it mean to feel truly connected? Connected to who we are, connected to the people around us? Come out to the refuge for a guided discussion. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Go to <http://gswtd.eventbrite.com> Questions? Julie: 408-262-5513 ext.104 (Note: badges are not provided).

Daisies; Brownies; Juniors; & Cadette Journeys

Call extension 104 to schedule a date

Email Julie at watershedwatchers@sfbws.com to schedule a date and time, and to customize your visit. Ratio of 1 adult per 5 children maximum. Space is limited to 20 people, including siblings. Badges are not provided.

Holiday

Holiday Crafts!

Sunday, December 13th 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Spread the holiday cheer by creating fun handmade crafts. These nature-based project ideas make great gifts and decorations. Program led by Aja Yee. Appropriate for children 6 and older.

Register at <http://eecholidaycrafts.eventbrite.com>.

Please make reservations online with link provided. Questions? Call 408-262-5513.

All minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

History

Drawbridge Van Tour: A History Revealed

Saturday, January 9th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
& Saturday, February 13th 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.

An abandoned town in the San Francisco Bay? That's right! Nestled on an island in the salt marshes of South San Francisco Bay, the town of Drawbridge once boomed. Was it a quiet, peaceful town full of nature lovers, or people scrambling out a living? How long did it exist? Find out at this program, led by Ceal Craig, our Drawbridge expert. Program will be of most interest to adults interested in history or nature; children 13 and over with an adult are welcome. Space is very limited. Note: this program does not include the van tour. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

Go to <http://dbwinter.eventbrite.com> Questions? Julie: 408-262-5513 ext.104

Ohlone in the Marshes - Rope

Sunday, February 28th 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Did people live here 10,000 years ago? How did they survive without stores? Come learn about the Ohlone Native Americans and how they lived off of the land. Take a walk through the marsh, and go shopping in the Ohlone grocery store. Taste an Ohlone pickle and learn how to make rope! Best suited for ages 9 and up. Program led by Aja Yee. Register at <http://eectulerope.eventbrite.com>.

Marshland Homes

Sunday, January 10th 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered where an animal lives? Or what it might live in? Come explore some different types of animal homes and shelters with Colter Cook. Find out why so many creatures call the Don Edwards SF Bay Refuge home by solving puzzles, playing games and even making your own bird nest! All ages are welcome.

Register at <http://eecmarshlandhomes.eventbrite.com>.

Know Your Lichens

Sunday, January 17th 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join Garima Wilson for a fun-filled learning experience about the mysterious organisms that you see hanging from the trees or growing on the rocks. You will get to observe and learn about the different species of lichens under the microscope. We will take a short walk to the boardwalk to see the lichens growing on the bridge. All ages are welcome.

Register at <http://eeclichens.eventbrite.com>.

Love Your Wetlands

Saturday, February 6th 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Bring your cameras and walking shoes to take photos in the remarkable wetlands of Alviso.

Join Park Ranger Jose Garcia on a walking tour, take photos of beautiful vistas and stunning wildlife while learning the science behind the scenery. At the Environmental Education Center. Call 510 792-0222 ext 141 for more information.

Please register at: <http://lovewetlands.eventbrite.com>

Tiny Drifters

Sunday, February 7th 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Not interested in the Super Bowl? Have fun with plankton! Learn about the different characteristics of plankton and how they have adapted to survive. We will become planktologists for a day, collect water samples and identify these incredible organisms under a microscope! All ages are welcome. Program led by Aja Yee.

Register at <http://eectinydrifters.eventbrite.com>.

Fossils and Flumes

Saturday, February 27th 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fossils and Flumes help to teach children about the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project. Park Ranger Jose Garcia brings fossils from Triassic wetlands he collected in eastern Montana, to show the similarities to wetlands today, and explain their function in nature. Interactive flumes allow for a hands on experience of how the wetlands protect the surrounding area from flooding. An adult must accompany children. Call (573) 231- 6190 for reservations.

Please register at: <https://feec.eventbrite.com>

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